Agriculture

Applicants for admission to the Agricultural College.

* 368 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many candidates applied for admission to the Agricultural College this year;

(*b*) whether all the applicants were asked to appear before the Selection Committee; and

(*c*) how many of them came for interview and what was the number of candidates that were finally selected?

A.—(*a*) Three hundred and twenty-one.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Two hundred and thirty-four and forty-five. The latter figure excludes the three seats reserved for failed students of the previous year's batch.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"May I know, Sir, whether all the applicants were called for interview without any preliminary scrutiny having been made of the applications?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"I want notice."

Age-limit for admission of students to the Agricultural College.

* 369 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there has been any age-limit for admission of students to the Agricultural College;

(*b*) whether agricultural graduates of above 25 years of age were being entertained in the Agricultural Department till last year and if so, what was the age bar provided for such appointments; and

(*c*) whether this year the Madras Services Commission has called for applications from candidates below 25 years for the posts of Agricultural Demonstrators?

A.—(*a*) Candidates must have attained the age of 17 at the time of joining College.

(*b*) Under Subsidiary Rule 8 to Fundamental Rule 10, no person whose age exceeds 25 years can be admitted in Government service without the sanction of the head of the department. This rule was embodied in the General Rules regulating the recruitment, condition of service, etc., of Subordinate Services issued in 1929, but the power of exemption exercised by heads of departments has since been withdrawn. These rules apply to the Madras Agricultural Subordinate Service.

(*c*) The Madras Services Commission called for applications from candidates born on or after 2nd October 1906.